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Octave Mill Remediation Project

Need

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Octave Mill Remediation Project will study the hazards posed by the abandoned Octave Mill, located near Stanton, Arizona. This study will provide preliminary information about the nature and extent of contaminants at the site. For the study, samples will be taken from the large tailings piles onsite and from adjacent areas. An experienced, independent contractor will perform a Preliminary Assessment and issue a Site Investigation (PA/SI) Report outlining the past use, potential contamination and ephemeral wash pathways that feed the Hassayampa River and will present findings of field sampling and laboratory analyses. The onsite work for this project is expected to take place October 2009 through March 2010, with the PA/SI Report produced by May 2010.



Recovery Act Funding

Information about the funding allocated for this BLM-Arizona American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) project will be released after the contract has been awarded.

Benefits

The public routinely use roads leading to the mine in the course of their recreational and casual use mining activities. Hazards from the mine could pose a threat to the public. This remediation project is the first step in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process for remediating this site.



More Information

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